

Delta Protection Advisory Committee Status Update

SBX7-1

Section 20.

Section 29753 is added to the Public Resources Code, to read:

- (a) The Commission shall appoint at least one advisory committee to provide recommendations regarding the diverse interest within the Delta. At a minimum, the advisory committees shall include representatives of state agencies and other stakeholders with interests in the Delta's ecosystem, water supply, and socioeconomic sustainability, including, but no limited, its recreational, agricultural, flood control, environmental, and water resources, and state, local, and utility infrastructure. The Commission shall encourage participation of various federal agencies, including the United States Bureau of Reclamation, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the United State Army Corps of Engineers, and others as appropriate.*
- (b) The commission may appoint committees from its membership or may appoint additional advisory committees from members of other interested public agencies and private groups.*
- (c) The commission shall seek advice and recommendations from advisory committees appointed by local government that are involved in subject matters affecting the Delta.*

The Delta Protection Advisory Committee will consist of no more than eleven (11) voting members. To date the Commission has received applications from the following:

- Delta Wetlands
- Recreational Boaters of California
- Municipal Utilities for City of Stockton
- Ducks Unlimited
- Delta Citizens Municipal Advisory Council for Sacramento County
- City of Antioch
- Contra Costa Council

Requests for appointments to the Committee from the following organizations have been made. To date there have been no response. Staff will re-contact the agencies to encourage participation. It is recommended that if there are no further responses, that the Commission go forward with an Advisory committee of the respondents to date and have the first meeting of the DPAC in March or April:

- Farm Bureaus
- The Nature Conservancy
- North Delta Water Agency
- Delta Conservancy
- In-Delta Water interests
- Delta farmers/ranchers
- Bureau of Reclamation
- US Fish and Wildlife Service
- US Corps of Engineers
- Reclamation Districts